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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: SCARABEO IV
MOVES OUT OF DISPUTED ZONE

REF: ROME 7722 (DTG 111725Z MAY 77)

1. ITALIAN EMB COUNSELLOR BONDIOLI INFORMS US THAT FOREIGN
SECRETARY TURAYKI SUMMONED ITALIAN AMB MAY 11 TO
"THREATEN BREAK IN FULL RANGE LIBYAN-ITALIAN RELATIONS"
UNLESS GOI EFFECTS RETURN SCARABEO IV TO DRILLING SITE.
ITALIANS HERE DOUBT THAT TURAYKI ACTUALLY INTENDS BREAK
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT LIBYANS, THEY FEEL, WILL QUICKLY
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FIND WAYS DAMAGE ITALIAN INTERESTS HERE--PROBABLY STARTING
WITH ENI-GIP LIBYA OPERATIONS.

2. BONDIOLI SAYS GOI PLAYED NO PART IN SCARABEO IV
MOVE. ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE FEELS ENI DECISION WAS
POORLY TIMED AND IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO ADVERSELY
AFFECT COMPANY INTERESTS.

3. JALLOUD/ANDREOTTI MEETING, ACCORDING BONDIOLI, WAS ORIGINALLY FOR PURPOSE ARRANGING ITALIAN PM'S VISIT TO LIBYA. THEIR MEETING TODAY WILL NOW, OF COURSE, BE DOMINATED BY SCARABEO AFFAIR. ITALIANS HERE DOUBT THAT JALLOUD WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY BRIEFED TO TAKE ACTION AT THE MEETING ON LIBYANS' AS YET GENERAL THREAT AGAINST ITALIAN INTERESTS.

4. FRENCH ARE ALSO APPARENTLY UNDER MOUNTING PRESSURE TO GET ELF-AQUITAINE GROUP TO RESUME DRILLING IN LIBYAN CONCESSION 137. ACCORDING ITALIANS, FRENCH AMB WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY JALLOUD THAT FRENCH INTERESTS IN LIBYA WOULD SUFFER IF GOF DID NOT QUICKLY GET AQUITAINE TO RESUME DRILLING IN PROMISING OFFSHORE FORMATION WHICH WAS CENTER OF LIBYAN-TUNISIAN SHELF DISPUTE LAST YEAR.
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